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(THE NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL)

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No. 62/CF/50.—The Five Year Plan, which was published as a draft outline in July, 1951, and will be shortly presented in its final form, expresses the common resolve of the Central and State Governments and of the people of India to achieve the maximum social and economic advancement of the country. The fulfilment of the Plan calls for nationwide co-operation in the tasks of development—co-operation between the Central Government and the States, the States and the local authorities, with voluntary social service agencies engaged in constructive work, between the administration and the people, as well as among the people themselves. To strengthen and mobilise the effort and resources of the nation in support of the Plan, to promote common economic policies in all vital spheres, and to ensure the balanced and rapid development of all parts of the country, on the recommendation of the Planning Commission, the Government of India have decided to set up a National Development Council.

2. The functions of the National Development Council will be—
 - (1) to review the working of the National Plan from time to time,
 - (2) to consider important questions of social and economic policy affecting national development; and
 - (3) to recommend measures for the achievement of the aims and targets set out in the National Plan, including measures to secure the active participation and co-operation of the people, improve the efficiency of the administrative services, ensure the fullest development of the less advanced regions and sections of the community and, through sacrifice borne equally by all citizens, build up resources for national development.
3. The National Development Council, which will make its recommendations to the Central and State Governments, will be composed of the Prime Minister of India, the Chief Ministers of all States and the Members of the Planning Commission.
4. The Council shall meet as often as may be necessary and in any case at least twice in each year.
5. The Secretary of the Planning Commission shall act as Secretary to the National Development Council and the Planning Commission shall furnish such administrative or other assistance for the work of the Council as may be needed.

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